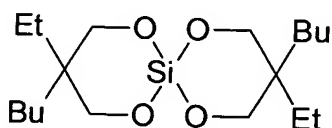


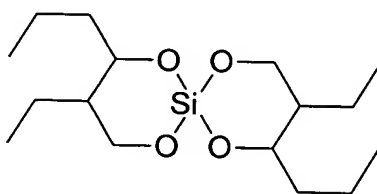
**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

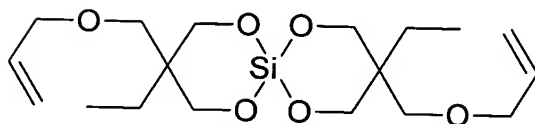
1. (Original) A coating composition comprising a silicon heterocyclic compound and a hydroxyl-reactive cross-linker, characterized in that the silicon heterocyclic compound is a compound comprising at least one spiro-ortho silicate group.
2. (Original) A coating composition according to claim 1, characterized in that the compound comprising at least one spiro-ortho silicate group is selected from compounds according to the following formulae Ia, Ib, and Ic



Ia



Ib



Ic

3. (Currently Amended) A coating composition according to claim 1 ~~either of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the hydroxyl-reactive cross-linker is a compound comprising at least two isocyanate groups.

4. (Currently Amended) A coating composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that it comprises less than 480 g/l of volatile organic compounds.
5. (Currently Amended) A coating composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that it comprises a deblocking catalyst for the deblocking of the compound comprising at least one spiro-ortho silicate group.
6. (Currently Amended) A coating composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that it comprises a cross-linking catalyst for the reaction between hydroxyl groups and the hydroxyl-reactive cross-linker.
7. (Currently Amended) A coating composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that the equivalent ratio of hydroxyl-reactive groups to alcoholic hydroxyl groups is between 0.5 and 4.0.
8. (Currently Amended) A process for curing a coating composition according to claim 1 ~~one of the preceding claims~~, characterized in that
- a) the latent alcoholic hydroxyl groups and the silanol groups of the spiro-ortho silicate groups are deblocked in the presence of moisture, optionally in the presence of a deblocking catalyst,
  - b) the alcoholic hydroxyl groups are reacted with the hydroxyl-reactive groups of the hydroxyl-reactive cross-linker, optionally in the presence of a cross-linking catalyst, and
  - c) the silanol groups formed participate in the reaction with the hydroxyl-reactive cross-linker and/or react with one another in a condensation reaction, optionally in the presence of the cross-linking catalyst.
9. (Currently Amended) Use of the coating composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of preceding claims 1—7~~ in the finishing and refinishing of automobiles and large transportation vehicles.

10. (Currently Amended) Use of the composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of preceding claims 1—7~~ as an adhesive composition.